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Mr. Jeff Morales, Director
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Attention: Federal Resources Branch, Room 3500
 For Kris Balaji, Transportation Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) Amendment 1 to the Metropolitan Transportation Plan For 2025 (MTP) and Amendment 03-01 to the 2003/05 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) and Conformity Determinations on Amendment 1 to the MTP for 2025 and Amendment 03-01 to the 2003/05 MTIP

We have completed our review of Amendment No. 1 of the MTP and Amendment 03-01 of the MTIP to the State Highway and Transit Elements of the SACOG 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) that was submitted to us by your letter dated December 10, 2002. SACOG transmitted the related conformity determinations to our offices on November 21, 2002. SACOG adopted these amendments with Resolutions No. 56 through 59 - 2002, approving these program modifications and reaffirming the conformity of the SACOG MTP and MTIP with the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

These amendments add, modify or delete projects from various funding programs in the SACOG planning area. They include projects with funding from the National Highway System (NHS), Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP), Highway Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation (HBRR) program, Hazard Elimination Safety (HES) program, Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, Federal Demonstration Program, Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP), Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) and various Federal Transit Administration (FTA) programs.

Subject to the exclusions and withholdings on the project listings that are detailed below, we accept these amendments in accordance with the provisions of 23 CFR Part 450. We find that the amended MTP and MTIP were developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process carried out in accordance with the provisions of 23 U.S.C. section 134, and section 8 of the Federal Transit Act (49 U.S.C. app. §1607). Based on our review, we find that the amended MTP and MTIP through Amendment No. 1 and Amendment No. 03-01 respectively, conform to the applicable SIP in accordance with the

provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93 as well as the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) and FTA's January 2, 2002, guidance *Revised Guidance for Implementing the March 1999 Circuit Court Decision Affecting Transportation Conformity* and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) May 14, 1999, guidance *Conformity Guidance on Implementation of March 2, 1999 Conformity Court Decision*. This approval was made after consultation with the EPA pursuant to the *Transportation Conformity Rule*.

In our October 4, 2002 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) approval letter to Director Jeff Morales, we limited our FSTIP programming approvals for SACOG to project listings in the 2002/03 fiscal year only, pending our further review of SACOG's financial plan documentation.

We now find that such documentation supports the MPO's determination of financial constraint of the region's 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP, and we extend our programming approval to all project listings that are not included as lump sum items in the 2002/03, 2003/04 and 2004/05 fiscal years of SACOG's FTIP through Amendment 03-01. We withhold our programming approval for all highway and transit related lump sum items associated with Amendment 03-01, pending SACOG's providing the federal agencies additional information, and to allow for FHWA and FTA review of such information as it is provided. We look forward to receiving SACOG's assistance in resolving any issues that would prevent timely approval of appropriate lump sum items included in Amendment 03-01 so that such items may be ultimately included with this approval action.


In addition, this letter constitutes approval and inclusion of SACOG's FTIP Amendment 03-01 into California's 2002/03 – 2004/05 FSTIP with the following project exclusions:

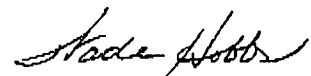
SACOG ID	Project Description	Project Listing Issue(s)
ELD15770	In El Dorado County, 3 fixed-route replacement vehicles for El Dorado Transit.	New project does not identify number of vehicles being replaced.
REG17320	Light rail extension from Downtown Sacramento to Natomas Town Center.	Funding changes on hold until cost overrun issues related to the Amtrak/Folsom Corridor project are resolved.
REG15890	Sacramento Regional Transit District: lump sum of rehabilitation and replacement of paratransit vehicles and expansion of the fleet.	New project does not identify number of vehicles being acquired.

REG15053	In Sacramento, South Line light rail extension from Meadowview Road to Cosumnes River College/Calvine-Auberry.	Funding changes on hold until cost overrun issues related to the Amtrak/Folsom Corridor project are resolved.
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Furthermore, this approval is made with the understanding that FTA funding on individual projects contained in the FSTIP are subject to the grantees meeting all necessary FTA administrative requirements. Please contact Mr. Leigh Levine, FHWA at 916-498-5034 or Mr. Jerome Wiggins, FTA at 415-744-2819 if you have any questions regarding this amendment.

Sincerely,


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